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Randolf Building
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Alexandria, Va. 22314

RE: Application No. 10/669,407

RENEWED PETITION UNDER 37 CFR 1.137(b)

Dear Ms. Grant,

Please find my Petition for Revival of an Application Abandoned Unintentionally Under 37 CFR 1.137(b) and the enclosed a check in the amount of \$650.00 in accordance with your letter dated 23 August 2005. I submitted a check for \$100.00 with my previously filed Petition to Revive.

In accordance with your advice, please also find a copy of my Form # 61 Petition for Revival of an Application for Patent Abandoned unavoidably under CFR 1.137(a). If this petition is accepted then I respectfully ask that the USPTO refund \$500 to me, as the fee for this petition is \$250.

Sincerely,

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**PETITION FOR REVIVAL OF AN APPLICATION FOR PATENT
ABANDONED UNINTENTIONALLY UNDER 37 CFR 1.137(b)**

Docket Number (Optional)

First named inventor: ERIC VAUGHN BLEIKENApplication No.: 10/669,093Art Unit: 3617Filed: 09/25/2003

Examiner:

Title: BOW FACING ROWING SYSTEMSTEPHEN AVILA
PRIMARY EXAMINER

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date of the period set for reply in the office notice or action plus an extensions of time actually obtained.

APPLICANT HEREBY PETITIONS FOR REVIVAL OF THIS APPLICATION

NOTE: A grantable petition requires the following items:

- (1) Petition fee;
- (2) Reply and/or issue fee;
- (3) Terminal disclaimer with disclaimer fee - required for all utility and plant applications
filed before June 8, 1995; and for all design applications; and
- (4) Statement that the entire delay was unintentional.

1. Petition fee

- ☒ Small entity-fee \$ 750⁰⁰ (37 CFR 1.17(m)). Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.
* CHECK ENCLOSED \$650⁰⁰ - \$100 SUBMITTED PREVIOUSLY
- ☐ Other than small entity - fee \$ _____ (37 CFR 1.17(m))

2. Reply and/or fee

- A. The reply and/or fee to the above-noted Office action in
the form of _____ (identify type of reply):

- ☐ has been filed previously on _____
☐ is enclosed herewith.

- B. The issue fee and publication fee (if applicable) of \$ _____

- ☐ has been paid previously on _____
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3. Terminal disclaimer with disclaimer fee

- ☐ Since this utility/plant application was filed on or after June 8, 1995, no terminal disclaimer is required.
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4. STATEMENT: The entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the required reply until the filing of a grantable petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional. [NOTE: The United States Patent and Trademark Office may require additional information if there is a question as to whether either the abandonment or the delay in filing a petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional (MPEP 711.03(c), subsections (III)(C) and (D)).]

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Enclosures: ☒ Fee Payment

☐ Reply

☐ Terminal Disclaimer Form

☐ Additional sheets containing statements establishing unintentional delay

☐ Other: _____

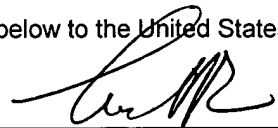
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See 37 CFR 1.27.

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\$750⁰⁰ SUBMITTED WITH PETITION UNDER 37 CFR 1.137(b)

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A The reply and/or fee to the above-noted Office action in the form of _____ (identify the type of reply):

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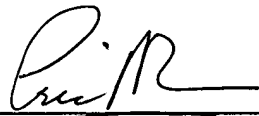
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4. An adequate showing of the cause of the delay, and that the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition under 37 CFR 1.137(a) was unavoidable, is enclosed.

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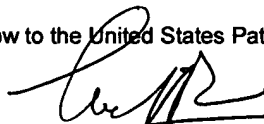
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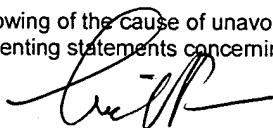
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NOTE: The following showing of the cause of unavoidable delay must be signed by all applicants or by any other party who is presenting statements concerning the cause of delay.



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24 Sep 2005

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(In the space provided below, please explain in detail the reasons for the delay in filing a proper reply.)

SEE ATTACHED

(Please attach additional sheets if additional space is needed.)



Mr. Bleicken's Petition to Revive was dismissed in a letter mailed 23 August and signed by Petitions Attorney Charlema R. Grant. The dismissal appears to focus on the timeframe between 12 October 2004 and 11 April 2005. The 12 October 2004 notice had allowed one month to reply and the reply was received by USPTO on 12 November 2004 and mailed to Tanya McBride.

Petitioner, Eric V. Bleicken, respectfully asserts that his failure to file certain documents in a timely manner resulted from his relying on alleged inaccurate information provided by USPTO personnel and one USPTO notice that was not received. Additionally, out of the many notices received during this whole process, only the last notice from Ms. Grant (23 August 2005) had a date of mailing stamped on it. Mr. Avila's Notice of Abandonment (7/21/05) did have a written date in the lower corner. All others had no date and Mr. Bleicken has no record of receiving a 23 February 2005 Notice of Non-compliance referenced in Ms Grant's letter. Although it seems that Mr. Bleicken's April 23, 2005 response would fall within the two-month limit.

A note on the original filing is in order. When Petitioner originally filed his patent application in September 2003 he discovered the following day that he had failed to enclose his application fee with the application. He immediately contacted the USPTO on the telephone and asked for advice.

He was eventually routed to an attorney (name unknown who could answer his questions. Mr. Bleicken was advised that he could not mail the check separately because there was no means to bring it together with his previously mailed patent application. He was also told that he could not recover that Patent Application. He was advised to simply submit the whole application again with the check enclosed. The application without the check would eventually become abandoned.

No definitive notice ever came that clearly demonstrated that the first application was abandoned and that has plagued this entire process with unsurity.

Mr. Bleicken did speak Primary examiner Stephen Avila before mailing his Reply to Office Action (received 7 April 2005) and Ms. Avila assured him that he was meeting the deadline. Mr. Bleicken called Mr. Avila a few days later to tell him that he was moving to Tampa, Florida. Mr. Avila said that his office was also involved in a move but that he had received my response and everything was in order. He noted that the claims looked good and that the patent process should be complete within a couple of weeks.

Mr. Bleicken relied on this conversation and patiently waited until 11 May 2005 to send Mr. Avila a letter giving him his new address. On 11 July 2005 Mr. Avila sent Mr. Bleicken another Notice of Abandonment. Mr. Bleicken called Mr. Avila to try and determine what had happened. Mr. Avila explained that that was something decided in another office over which he had no control. Mr. Bleicken filed a petition to revive on July 28th.

Mr. Bleicken, who is not an attorney, has not been able to determine if one or more of the Notices of Abandonment relate to the first application that he mailed or that the various examiners (Mr. Avila, Ms McBride and Ms. Grant) may also be a function of this initial problem.

Mr. Bleicken has been diligent in his attempts to timely file his documents to comply with USPTO regulations but because of at least one notice not received, inaccurate information provided by USPTO personnel and what is apparently an inability

to control and route documents within the Patent office, his failure to comply has been unavoidable.

Mr. Bleicken respectfully asks that his PETITION FOR RIVIVAL OF AN APPLICATION FOR PATENT ABANDONED UNAVOIDABLY UNDER 37 CFR 1.137(a) be granted.



24 Sep 2005